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Mr. Todd Thurlow  
Director  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
1000 District Avenue  
Burlington, Massachusetts 01803-5229

Dear Mr. Thurlow:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mrs. Salma Reza Sikandar of 458 Middletown Avenue, Apartment 2, New Haven, Connecticut 06513. According to Mrs. Sikandar's 17 year old son, Samir Mahmud, his mother is being deported and has been ordered to leave by August 23, 2018. Her son will be turning 18 in September and was accepted into Quinnipiac University. He is scheduled to start his freshman year of college on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Her son relies on her income to support him and to pay for his upcoming college expenses. Her attorney of record Mr. Usman B. Ahmed has filed a motion to reopen the case. I am deeply concerned about this situation as Mrs. Sikandar and her family are my constituents and their only son is a United States citizens.

Mrs. Sikandar has resided in the United States for 20 years, is married with 1 child, and maintains a job to support her family in Connecticut. During her 20 years she has had no criminal record and has been a contributing member to the community. I believe returning her to Bangladesh is immoral and unconscionable since she has been estranged from her country for so long.

I am asking for your consideration on their attorney's motion to reopen this case and an Emergency Stay of Deportation. I am mindful of the fact that a provision of the law permits her deportation, but it does not require it. Therefore I am requesting prosecutorial discretion in this matter, and fair-minded consideration of the entirety of Mrs. Sikandar's contributions to society and obligations to support and care for her family.

Please feel to contact my special assistant, Marilyn Concepcion, should you need additional information at 203-562-3718 or [marilyn.cheyne@mail.house.gov](mailto:marilyn.cheyne@mail.house.gov). My fax number is 203-772-2260.

Sincerely,

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